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Today's Topics:

 Give a VE \$5.60, walk
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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

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jerry@isi.com (Jerry Gardner x323) writes:

> In article <CA29oH.Ks@squam.banyan.com> dts@banyan.com (Daniel Senie) writes:
> >The short answer is that the code tests are a government approved form of Ha
> >This from a government that outlawed hazing...
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> I absolutely agree with this! The theory tests are another form of hazing too
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> I'm in favor of outlawing both the code and theory tests.
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> --
> Jerry Gardner (jerry@isi.com) | "Violence is the last refuge of
> Integrated Systems, Inc. | the incompetent" - Isaac Asimov

Oh what a pile of crap. Go out and pick up a Children's Band rig if you want to talk on a radio without a test.

I hate to jump topics, but I'm going to.....

Lately I've been hearing about how people are saying the laws forbidding profanity are in violation of the 1st amendment. I say why don't we take a vote of all the hams and see if they want to accept profanity or not. I'd bet over 95% of them would be against profanity, and no one could say it wasn't a democratic process. All laws passed infringe on people's civil liberties depending on how left you are. I mean, it could be said that outlawing murder denies me the right to kill other people. Oh well.... I know what everyone's saying... "It's not a practical idea." Just a thought.

73 de N8VUR / Doug
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QS0 on 146.82/R anytime!

Date: Thu, 15 Jul 93 16:20:55 EDT
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kd1hz@anomaly.sbs.com (Rev. Michael P. Deignan) writes:

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> That's not what I said.
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> I stated that the people who complain about the average age of a ham
> operator have overlooked the obvious: that ham equipment is just too
> expensive for most kids to get involved.
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> Sure, there will always be exceptions to the rule. But, not every kid
> will have some 80-year-old geezer down the street willing to give him
> a tube set to use while he learns the code to upgrade.
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> The push to get the no-code license passed was not to swell the ranks
> "to protect bandwidth" (most no-coders live on 2mtrs), but rather to
> increase the ranks so more V/UHF equipment could be sold, and higher
> advertising rates could be charged in QST.
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> MD

Mike, that may have been one reason, but what about all the no-coders who are upgrading, or don't they count. Amateur Radio was dying before the no-code. You've heard the expression "The Captain Goes Down With the Ship." In this case the captain was going to take the ship down with him. "I'm old and gray, why should I care if there's anyone to use the frequencies after me?" With how hard the ARRL fought the no-code and the FCC finally took their hand out of the ARRL's hip pocket (probably only for a moment though) and allowed the no-code license, I think they knew it was dying also.

BTW- When I was licensed a year ago, I was 16yrs. old and bought my equipment with my own money. I still am buying with my own money. Some people around here have jobs so they can afford gear, I guess others just hold their hand out on Sunday's, Rev.

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QSO on 146.52 or 444.7/R (happy Rev? More than 2m) anytime!

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